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Raised Bill No. 5901

LCO No. 2600

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

An Act Concerning Stress-Related Benefits For Police Officers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Subdivision (16) of section 31-275 of the general statutes is repealed
2 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (16) (A) "Personal injury" or "injury" includes, in addition to
4 accidental injury which may be definitely located as to the time when
5 and the place where the accident occurred, an injury to an employee
6 [which] that is causally connected with [his] the employee's
7 employment and is the direct result of repetitive trauma or repetitive
8 acts incident to such employment, and occupational disease.

9 (B) "Personal injury" or "injury" shall not be construed to include:

10 (i) An injury to an employee [which] that results from [his] the
11 employee's voluntary participation in any activity the major purpose
12 of which is social or recreational, including, but not limited to, athletic
13 events, parties and picnics, whether or not the employer pays some or
14 all of the cost of such activity;

15 (ii) A mental or emotional impairment, unless such impairment

16 arises from a physical injury or occupational disease or, in the case of a
17 police officer, unless such impairment arises from such police officer's
18 use of deadly force or subjection to deadly force in the line of duty,
19 regardless of whether such police officer is physically injured; or

20 (iii) A mental or emotional impairment [which] that results from a
21 personnel action, including, but not limited to, a transfer, promotion,
22 demotion or termination. ; or]

23 [(iv)] (C) Notwithstanding the provisions of [clause (i) of this]
24 subparagraph (B) (i) of this subdivision, "personal injury" or "injury"
25 includes injuries to employees of local or regional boards of education
26 resulting from participation in a school-sponsored activity but does not
27 include any injury incurred while going to or from such activity. As
28 used in this clause, "school-sponsored activity" means any activity
29 sponsored, recognized or authorized by a board of education and
30 includes activities conducted on or off school property and
31 "participation" means acting as a chaperone, advisor, supervisor or
32 instructor at the request of an administrator with supervisory
33 authority over the employee.

34 (D) For purposes of subparagraph (B) (ii) of this subdivision, "police
35 officer" means a member of the Division of State Police within the
36 Department of Public Safety or an organized local police department, a
37 chief inspector or inspector in the Division of Criminal Justice, a
38 special deputy sheriff, a conservation officer or special conservation
39 officer, as defined in section 26-5, an appointed constable who
40 performs criminal law enforcement duties, a special policeman
41 appointed under section 29-18, 29-18a or 29-19, an adult probation
42 officer appointed under section 54-104, an official of the Department of
43 Correction authorized by the Commissioner of Correction to make
44 arrests in a correctional institution or facility; and "in the line of duty"
45 means any action that a police officer is obligated or authorized by
46 law, rule, regulation or written condition of employment service to
47 perform, or for which the police officer is compensated by the public

48 entity such officer serves.

Statement of Purpose:

To allow police officers to receive workers' compensation for mental or emotional impairments resulting from the officer's use of deadly force or subjection to deadly force while on duty.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]